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February 8th, 1917

Professor F. G. Peatody,

Harvard University.

Dear Dr. Peatody:

I hope that you received my telegram yesterday morning. To our very great regret I felt it necessary to send it because the coal situation here has become so serious that it is necessary for us to close all the buildings which are not in essential use until our supply assumes again something like its normal proportions. We have therefore closed Convocation Hall in the meantime.

I know that it will be a great disappointment to very many that it has so fallen out that you were to have been here on the Sunday on which we are finding it necessary to dispense with the service. Already several members of the staff have spoken to me of their regret.

I wonder whether if we have any vacancy later on in the year between this and the first of April you would have a free day. I think that our programme is filled but in case we should be able to arrange for an exchange is there any day on which you could find it convenient to come for us.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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My dear President Falconer:

Pray, do not have me on your mind for a later appointment. I have had the care of just such arrangements for many years and understand very well how the whole year's programme must be made in advance. I am going South for some engagements during the month of March, and there are several pledges later. If, however, during the Spring a Sunday falls vacant, which you think I could properly fill, kindly telegraph and I will reply at once.

Cordially yours,

Francis G. Peabody.

President Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

P.S.— My children, who are somewhat drastic critics, insist that you concluded that the Gospels you were to get from me was not worth the coal bill, or that an extra amount of coal would be necessary to overcome its frigidity.

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March 3rd, 1917

Professor F. G. Peabody, Ph.D.,

Harvard University,.

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Peabody:

I regret to say that we have had so little coal that the university laboratories have been closed for a fortnight. Coal is now beginning to come in but we must be economical and we are not to have any more sermons in Convocation Hall for the rest of the term. Therefore I am sorry that we cannot look forward to your being with us this spring. Many others join with me in this regret. However, I hope that it may be possible for you to be with us next autumn when we trust all the conditions will be very much more auspicious than they are to-day.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.